

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An audio system, comprising:
 - a base unit including at least one source of audio input;
 - at least one speaker operable to provide audio output;
 - a removable faceplate, wherein the removable faceplate is an active device when removed from the base unit, the removable face plate having a host connector to allow the faceplate to connect to a host; and
 - a base connector operable to connect the removable faceplate to the base unit.